



LA PALMA
INTERCOMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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Dear Merry Holliday-Hanson,

This is La Palma Intercommunity Hospital's comment letter regarding the California Hospital Risk - Adjusted Mortality Rates, Total Deaths and Quality Ratings for Inpatients Mortality indicators for 2008 and 2009.

In 2008 La Palma Intercommunity Hospital performed better than the statewide average on all 7 quality indicators for Congestive Heart Failure, Acute Stroke, GI Hemorrhage, Hip Fracture, Pneumonia, and Carotid Endarterectomy.

In 2009, La Palma Intercommunity Hospital performed better than the statewide average on all 7 quality indicators for Congestive Heart Failure, Acute Stroke, GI Hemorrhage, Hip Fracture, Pneumonia, and Carotid Endarterectomy. In the case of Hip Fractures, La Palma Intercommunity Hospital had a risk-adjusted mortality rate of 0% which is well below the statewide average.

These results are due to the La Palma Intercommunity Hospital's ongoing commitment to excellence in patient care, patient satisfaction, and patient safety.

Sincerely,

Margo Perusse
CNO/Administrator
La Palma Intercommunity Hospital